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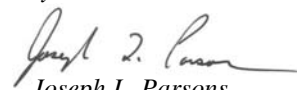
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.


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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.45 million cattle on feed on April 1, down 1 percent from last year but 2 percent above April 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into feedlots during March totaled 360,000, up 3 percent from 2007 and 7 percent above March 2006. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 390,000 head, up 5 percent from both last year and two years ago. This ties March 2000 for the highest March marketings since the series began in 1993. Other disappearance during March totaled 10,000 compared with 10,000 during March 2007 and 15,000 during March 2006.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up Slightly

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on April 1, 2008. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2007 but 1 percent below April 1, 2006. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.74 million, 11 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million, slightly below 2007 and 6 percent below 2006. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during March, 12 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	340	374	110	46	30	65	33	31	94	2	2	100
California	530	530	100	68	55	81	65	65	100	3	5	167
Colorado	1,020	1,020	100	160	135	84	140	160	114	10	5	50
Idaho	245	230	94	38	37	97	42	39	93	1	3	300
Iowa	530	550	104	72	59	82	70	68	97	2	1	50
Kansas	2,480	2,420	98	510	440	86	430	415	97	20	15	75
Nebraska	2,480	2,450	99	350	360	103	370	390	105	10	10	100
New Mexico	131	158	121	19	10	53	17	11	65	1	1	100
Oklahoma	350	340	97	68	50	74	67	58	87	1	2	200
South Dakota	230	225	98	40	32	80	37	37	100	3	5	167
Texas	2,800	2,880	103	520	450	87	495	480	97	15	10	67
Washington	163	152	93	26	30	115	32	28	88	1	1	100
Other States	345	355	103	43	48	112	45	60	133	3	3	100
United States	11,644	11,684	100	1,960	1,736	89	1,843	1,842	100	72	63	88

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, April 18, 2008

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

March 2008 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. March 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays. March 2008 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, March 2008 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	March 2008 Percent of	
		Mar 2007	Feb 2008
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	550.7	103	102
Hogs, head	669.4	105	104
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	582.6	106	103
United States			
Cattle, head	2,730.9	98	103
Calves, head	70.8	100	102
Hogs, head	9,661.6	105	103
Sheep & Lambs, head	230.9	83	109
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,092.9	102	103

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, April 25, 2008

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, March 2008 with Comparisons

Item	2007	2008	2008/2007
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.2	9.8	87
United States	348.2	342.0	98
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	257	233	91
United States	6,672	6,526	98
Chickens Hatched, March			
United States			
Egg-type	38.6	39.5	103
Broiler	809.3	832.9	103

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, April 22, 2008

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, March 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	March 2008 Percent of	
		Mar 2007	Feb 2008
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	1,103,897	117	105
Beef	424,068	99	100
Pork	657,106	133	108
Poultry	1,224,075	128	103
Turkey	430,506	124	103
Chicken	789,372	131	104

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, April 21, 2008

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 Selected States and United States, 2007-2008

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Milk Cows ¹						
January-March	60	58	8,288	8,425	9,138	9,250
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Milk Production ²						
January-March	279	269	42,214	43,774	46,058	47,552

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, April 18, 2008

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price	
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total			
					Primary Use ²	Other					
Million Bushels											\$/Bu.
Corn											
2005/06	11,114	2,114	9	13,237	6,155	2,981	2,134	11,270	1,967	2.00	
2006/07	10,535	1,967	12	12,514	5,598	3,488	2,125	11,210	1,304	3.04	
2007/08 ³	13,074	1,304	15	14,393	6,150	4,460	2,500	13,110	1,283	4.10-4.50	
Soybeans											
2005/06	3,063	256	3	3,322	1,739	194	940	2,873	449	5.66	
2006/07	3,188	449	9	3,647	1,806	148	1,118	3,073	574	6.43	
2007/08 ³	2,585	574	10	3,169	1,840	94	1,075	3,009	160	10.00-10.50	
Wheat											
2005/06	2,105	540	81	2,726	915	238	1,003	2,155	571	3.42	
2006/07	1,812	571	122	2,505	933	206	909	2,049	456	4.26	
2007/08 ³	2,067	456	90	2,613	950	146	1,275	2,371	242	6.55-6.75	
Sorghum											
2005/06	393	57	0	450	140	50	194	384	66	1.86	
2006/07	278	66	0	343	109	45	157	311	32	3.29	
2007/08 ³	505	32	0	537	165	35	285	485	52	3.95-4.35	

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, April 9, 2008

**Corn: Harvested, Yield and Production
by County and District, Nebraska, 2007¹**

County and District	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre		Total Production	County and District	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre		Total Production
		Irrigated	Dryland				Irrigated	Dryland	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
Banner	9,600	161.0	55.0	1,238,200	Butler	153,400	175.0	143.0	24,553,800
Box Butte	55,200	169.0	30.0	8,786,700	Cass	125,700	172.0	127.0	16,070,200
Cheyenne	25,100	170.0	48.0	3,693,600	Colfax	110,200	181.0	148.0	17,893,600
Dawes	1,700	171.0	35.0	277,100	Dodge	146,600	180.0	142.0	23,424,000
Deuel	16,700	174.0	62.0	2,323,400	Douglas	29,200	189.0	141.0	4,477,200
Garden	22,200	183.0	66.0	3,477,600	Hamilton	216,600	188.0	139.0	39,917,200
Kimball	19,100	137.0	29.0	2,022,700	Lancaster	128,700	173.0	120.0	15,942,200
Morrill	60,800	173.0	40.0	10,438,600	Merrick	146,500	155.0	110.0	22,334,000
Scotts Bluff	86,900	137.0	22.0	11,882,300	Nance	83,100	174.0	130.0	12,950,200
Sheridan	30,300	171.0	27.0	4,763,700	Platte	215,500	180.0	150.0	36,645,000
Sioux	11,400	139.0		1,584,600	Polk	144,900	172.0	143.0	24,096,300
NORTHWEST	339,000	159.3	45.9	50,488,500	Sarpy	35,800	162.0	132.0	4,857,600
Arthur	3,000	165.0		495,000	Saunders	176,100	182.0	134.0	26,448,600
Blaine	1,400			200,200	Seward	146,500	174.0	133.0	23,014,600
Boyd	26,800	178.0	60.0	2,056,400	Washington	88,800	174.0	138.0	12,697,200
Brown	42,000			7,493,800	York	221,900	187.0	146.0	40,437,500
Cherry	16,600	193.0	35.0	3,124,800	EAST	2,169,500	177.8	135.5	345,759,200
Garfield	10,400	174.0	89.0	1,741,600	Chase	162,800	186.0	75.0	27,872,100
Grant					Dundy	79,700	192.0	81.0	13,137,900
Holt	185,500	181.0	80.0	32,565,500	Frontier	81,600	182.0	102.0	11,571,200
Hooker					Hayes	60,100	171.0	87.0	8,487,900
Keya Paha	12,800	175.0	81.0	2,005,800	Hitchcock	56,900	196.0	89.0	7,043,600
Logan	22,400	176.0	86.0	3,357,400	Keith	89,200	189.0	92.0	14,744,200
Loup	7,400	164.0	85.0	1,150,400	Lincoln	211,500	166.0	83.0	32,859,700
McPherson	3,600			581,800	Perkins	181,800	182.0	77.0	26,420,100
Rock	26,200			4,480,200	Red Willow	75,900	195.0	104.0	10,687,300
Thomas					SOUTHWEST	999,500	180.5	88.5	152,824,000
Wheeler	35,100	158.0	91.0	5,378,300	Adams	193,000	186.0	120.0	34,274,400
NORTH	393,500	177.0	71.3	64,669,400	Franklin	77,700	186.0	119.0	13,145,700
Antelope	204,200	187.0	88.0	34,324,400	Furnas	88,800	192.0	111.0	12,440,700
Boone	174,100	172.0	129.0	27,786,600	Gosper	85,300	186.0	104.0	14,332,400
Burt	128,800	188.0	144.0	20,148,800	Harlan	92,500	188.0	113.0	14,660,000
Cedar	176,400	187.0	108.0	24,573,300	Kearney	170,300	193.0	121.0	31,485,500
Cuming	162,600	189.0	161.0	27,175,400	Phelps	196,300	203.0	133.0	39,029,900
Dakota	67,300	206.0	158.0	11,353,400	Webster	70,100	181.0	116.0	10,380,600
Dixon	103,900	188.0	131.0	14,745,200	SOUTH	974,000	191.8	115.3	169,749,200
Knox	130,900	191.0	120.0	18,540,900	Clay	172,200	174.0	122.0	28,371,600
Madison	149,600	177.0	137.0	23,427,200	Fillmore	199,100	192.0	133.0	35,707,900
Pierce	139,700	184.0	122.0	22,009,600	Gage	150,900	167.0	103.0	17,865,900
Stanton	88,500	193.0	155.0	14,553,500	Jefferson	89,500	181.0	119.0	13,533,500
Thurston	91,900	197.0	156.0	14,721,800	Johnson	43,500	183.0	118.0	5,718,000
Wayne	118,100	194.0	155.0	19,335,100	Nemaha	84,200	187.0	139.0	11,996,600
NORTHEAST	1,736,000	184.4	137.8	272,695,200	Nuckolls	87,500	188.0	120.0	13,050,000
Buffalo	212,500	191.0	118.0	38,718,700	Otoe	123,600	186.0	122.0	15,316,000
Custer	246,000	182.0	106.0	40,630,000	Pawnee	43,300	161.0	119.0	5,320,700
Dawson	211,400	185.0	117.0	38,584,600	Richardson	104,600	170.0	132.0	13,894,600
Greeley	84,500	165.0	110.0	13,068,000	Saline	129,800	178.0	118.0	19,306,400
Hall	201,100	190.0	126.0	37,466,600	Thayer	136,800	191.0	114.0	23,495,400
Howard	105,400	170.0	101.0	17,062,400	SOUTHEAST	1,365,000	183.1	121.5	203,576,600
Sherman	83,900	190.0	109.0	14,450,600					
Valley	78,700	164.0	107.0	12,257,000	NEBRASKA	9,200,000	181.2	125.0	1,472,000,00
CENTRAL	1,223,500	182.8	110.4	212,237,900					

¹Missing data included in district and state totals.

Note: County estimates for other Nebraska crops are available at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/index.asp

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

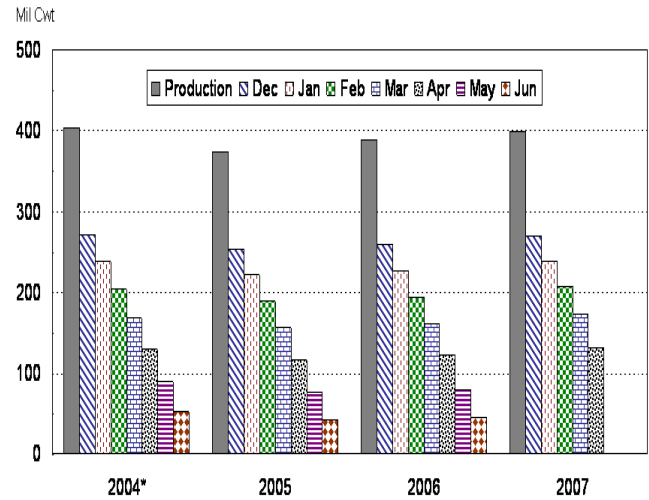
Potato Stocks

Fall Potatoes: 2007 Production and April 1, 2008 Stocks¹

State	Crop of 2007	
	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2008
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
California	4,223	600
Colorado	20,981	7,500
Idaho	131,650	51,000
Maine	16,530	6,200
Michigan	14,700	2,900
Minnesota	20,680	6,400
Montana	3,696	1,900
Nebraska	8,051	2,100
New York	5,216	300
North Dakota	23,660	6,000
Oregon	20,238	8,700
Washington	102,300	29,500
Wisconsin	28,160	7,000
Total 13 States	400,085	130,100

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop.
Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, April 15, 2008

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks
13 Storage States



Production by crop year. Stocks by months following harvest.
*15 Storage States.

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